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1. PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR STARCO IN BASRA, GALE HAROLD, SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS STARCO'S DIRECTOR ON JANUARY 20 AND HAS INFORMED SEWERAGE BOARD. HAROLD, WHO REMAINS REPRESENTATIVE OF BONDING COMPANY TRIAD, IS CLOSING DOWN PROJECT AND HAS REQUESTED EXIT VISAS FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHT AMCIT EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS OF STARCO REMAINING IN BASRA. TWO SOURCES REPORT THAT THE GOI WILL DENY EXIT VISA TO HAROLD AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWOOTHER STARCO EMPLOYEES.

2. HAROLD'S RECENT MOVES ARE MEANT TO PUT LEGAL DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND STARCO IN EVENT CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE BROUGHT AGAINST STARCO PRESIDENT, ROY COBLE. IN ADDITION, TRIAD, WHICH STANDS TO LOSE DOLLARS 9,000,000 TO 10,000,000, HOPES CRISIS WILL FORCE SEWERAGE BOARD TO RENOGOTIATE CONTRACT.

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3. IRAQI INVESTIGATION OF INTERNATIONAL DISC COLLAPSE IS ALSO APPARENTLY STILL CONTINUING. GEORGE DUNCAN, FORMER INTERNATIONAL DISC EMPLOYEE, WHO FIRST ACCUSED COMPANY PROJECT MANAGER DIEBLE OF ILLEGAL ACTS, REMAINS IN IRAQ. DIEBLE SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT IRAQ ON VACATION IN EARLY JANUARY. WILEY

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